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In re Patent Application of:

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, Paper No. 7, Applicants submit the following response.

Remarks

The application presently contains claims 1-10. In the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1-5 and 7-9, drawn to a substantially purified nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein, transformed cell, transgenic plant and method of producing a transgenic plant having seed with an altered isoprenoid compound level comprising transforming a plant with a

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document is being sent by facsimile to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, to the attention of Examiner Stuar Baum at 703-305-3014 on this 18th day of April, 2003

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